

**REGULAR MEETING
LOUDON UTILITIES**

October 26, 2020

The Board of Directors of Loudon Utilities held its properly advertised regular meeting on October 26, 2020, at 4:30 p.m., in the public meeting space of the Loudon Municipal Building. Those present were Chairman Don P. Campbell, Directors Gene Farmer, Tim Dixon, Carlie McEachern, and Bart Watson. Others present were Manager Ty Ross, Nicole Curtis, John Davis, Jaison Brown, Attorney Kris Frye, and Secretary Meghan Hull. Parker Wright, *Loudon County NewsHerald*, represented the press. Chip Lynn video recorded the meeting for redskinradio.com. Also present or attending by videoconference were approximately twelve (12) citizens and employees.

Chairman Campbell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Campbell read a statement defining the meeting being held by videoconference pursuant to Executive Order No. 16 to protect the safety and health of the citizens of Loudon from the coronavirus outbreak.

Chairman Campbell asked everyone to take a moment in memory of Roy White (brother of retiree Jerry White), Don Lambert (father of WWTP employee Greg Lambert), and Gene Lambert (past LUB Chairman).

Gene Lambert was elected as Loudon City Commissioner in 1969 and served through 1973. Lambert was elected as Loudon City Mayor in 1973 through 1985. Lambert was elected as City Councilmember in 1989, appointed as Vice-Mayor and LUB Chairman, held these positions through June 2005 when he decided not to run for reelection. Lambert was asked in November 2005 to step back up to fill a vacated council position and was again appointed as Vice-Mayor through December 2011. Lambert was asked to fill a vacated LUB position in October 2011 through October 2015. Lambert strongly believed in serving his hometown.

Chairman Campbell asked if anyone wished to speak to the Board about anything not on the agenda. There was no response.

Chairman Campbell asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 28, 2020. **A motion was made by Director McEachern, seconded by Director Watson and unanimously passed that the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 28, 2020 be approved as written.**

Financial Reports were distributed for the workshop. Finance Director Curtis asked if there were any questions concerning the August financial reports. **A motion was made by Director Dixon, seconded by Director McEachern and unanimously passed that the reports be received and placed on file.**

The first item for Board consideration was a resolution recommending the City of Loudon to refinance water and sewer debt. Manager Ross explained that more information is being sought at this time and a better option may be available shortly. **A motion was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Dixon, and unanimously approved that the resolution be tabled until the November meeting.**

The next item for Board action was the bids received for the Grove Place area waterline replacement. **A motion was made by Director Watson and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-42
AUTHORIZING
WATERLINE REPLACEMENT
IN GROVE PLACE

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

The last item for Board consideration was to set the natural gas rate. **A motion was made by Director Farmer and seconded by Director McEachern that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-43
ESTABLISHING NATURAL GAS RATES
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2020

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Manager Ross stated that Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has announced a second round of the matching grant offered in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. TVA's matching grant program for the community's use could be used for WIFI stations to benefit the district schools' students after school hours. Ross also recommended to use the balance of the grant funds for Loudon County Good Samaritan utility bill relief. **A motion was made by Director Dixon, seconded by Director Farmer and unanimously agreed to authorize \$10,000 to the TVA matching fund grant for utilization with the local school programs and Good Samaritan Center of Loudon County under the guidelines TVA has set forth.**

Chairman Campbell recessed the meeting for an Executive Session at 4:44 p.m. with attendees as follows: Campbell, Farmer, Dixon, McEachern, Watson, Ross, Davis, and Attorney Frye.

4:49 PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION - 5:43 PM

Chairman Campbell reconvened the meeting at 5:44 p.m. with no action taken.

Manager Ross said that in discussions with the Masonic Lodge it has been suggested that the annual Christmas Dinner not be held this year due to concerns of close quarters and would prefer to give employees food vouchers for their own family celebrations. All Board Members agreed that this would be a better solution at this time.

There being nothing further, Chairman Campbell adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman